



tattersalls

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Tattersall's sweeps the pool



For a history-making second year in a row, Tattersall's Club's swimmers have won all three relays in the Two Tatts challenge against traditional rival City Tatts.

Swimming in the confines of the City Tatts pool and cheered on by our vocal cheer squad who crammed into the area, the visitors won the Open, Over 40's and Over 50's events.

The record now stands at Tattersall's and City Tattersall's both having swept the pool twice, but only the senior club has performed the feat in consecutive years.

The results were a great tribute to our swimmers and to Head Coach, the legendary Harry Turner.

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from the chairman

It ought not be a surprise that the present day culture and character of Tattersall's Club is very much a function of its history.

Founded by sportsmen, populated by the most successful businessmen and professionals of the time and having the role of regulating gaming and wagering in a city famous for its strong-willed citizens of doubtful origins, Tattersall's Club has never pretended to be an elite institution. Rather, it is a gathering of like-minded sportsmen, catering to the robust nature of the times and the quality of its members, in the words of our historian, Joseph Anderson.

I have paused to think about this as we welcome to the Club for the next three months, the City Tattersall's swimming club who will be using our pool on Thursday evenings while their pool is undergoing a major renovation.

Over the years, but certainly not in recent times, much has been made of a supposed feud between the clubs and of rules introduced to forbid Tattersall's Club members from being members of City Tatts. In fact, it wasn't really like that at all.

There was a Tattersall's Club rule - Rule 53, which was introduced in 1894 to prevent members of our club joining, or even frequenting, other sporting clubs. But this was aimed at a new association called Bowes Tattersall's which was seen as an undesirable body not to be associated with the then "regulator" of betting in the State. It was not until a year later that City Tattersall's was founded out of the St Ledger Bookmakers Association, formed as a result of the great Pearl Powder incident which saw the end of the Australian Bookmakers Association monopoly.

It is true that Rule 53 was brought to the attention of Tattersall's members at that time, but little was made of it, nor of the fact that City Tatts, despite having no

history, as we did, of a connection with Tattersall's Hotel, adopted the name and later, in 1903, moved to Pitt Street (and later to a site adjacent to Tattersalls). Some saw all this as a complement to the older club, although, in 1921, when City Tatts asked for Rule 53 to be removed, they were refused until later for the reason that it was felt that they had yet to win their spurs.

So much for history. Although I cannot resist adding to the story of the great rivalry between the two Tatts, by recording a second consecutive clean sweep by our gallant swimmers in the annual Two Tatts event - and this time an away win as well. As usual, the Cheetahs (City Tatts Swim Club) were excellent hosts and, fighting back the tears, entertained us well into the night. Long may this healthy competition continue.

Russell Debney

Chairman



Join the chairman on the last Thursday of each month following the committee meeting for free drinks in the members bar



secretary's report

Over the past two months there has been a reduction in staffing levels in all departments in the club. This reduction has been achieved without curtailing the hours of operation of any services within Tattersalls.

Operating hours have not changed since mid 2001 and we are proud that services have actually increased during this period.

The introduction of the Bar Menu, upgraded bar and extended range of beer on tap, extra AD classes to cope with increased demand and the expanded pool bar operations are but a few new innovations.

It is time to thank our dedicated staff for the increased productivity achieved during this time. With the busy season now approaching, I am confident that Members will receive the standard of service which they have come to expect in recent times.

Tim Bowring
Secretary

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Office Hours

8.30 am - 5 pm | Monday to Friday

Brasserie

7 am - 3.30 pm | Monday, Tuesday & Friday

(bar meals available in the evening)

7 am - 9.30 pm | Wednesday & Thursday

Bar and Billiard Room

Noon - 9 pm | Monday to Wednesday

Noon - 10 pm | Thursday and Friday

Athletic Department

5.30 am - 9 pm | Monday to Friday

6 am - 6 pm | Saturday

Noon - 5 pm | Sunday

directory of services

tattersalls into the year 2003 calendar of events

2002 o c t o b e r

- 1st Flyrodders Tom White at Tattersalls
- 1st Christian Fellowship Breakfast
- 11th Rod Harrison presentation
- 12-13th Rod Harrison Fly Casting Lessons
- 18th Black Tie Boxing
- 27th Cycling Club, 8am Centennial Park
- 31st Chairman's Shout

n o v e m b e r

- 4th Melbourne Cup Calcutta
- 5th Melbourne Cup Luncheon
"Back to Flemington"
- 5th Christian Fellowship Breakfast
- 13th Tattersall's Cup Golf Day
- 15th Sportsman's Hall of Fame Lunch
- 21 - 24 First Freshwater Fishing
Competition Snowy Mountains
- 24th Cycling Club, 8am Centennial Park

d e c e m b e r

- 19th Chairman's Shout
- 24th Club closes down for Christmas,
reopening on January 6, 2003

2003 j a n u a r y

- 6th Club reopens

club news

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Tattersall's traditional Melbourne Cup luncheon will be held on Tuesday 5 November 2002. Following on last year's very successful event, the day will once again feature the 'A Day at Flemington' theme.

A generous selection of gourmet food will be available including fresh oysters shucked on site, a delicious carvery, charcuterie, and hot and cold buffet.

The new range of just released Penfolds Wines supplied by our sponsors, will be served along with the finest Australian and French Champagnes

Committee member Bob Sanders said

"The format for 2001 will be repeated and expanded, with prizes for the best dressed lady and hat and our two big screens will show an uninterrupted telecast of racing from Flemington throughout the day."

Betting facilities will be available for the keen punter, and the famous Tattersall's sweeps will once again be in operation.

Our Melbourne Cup day lunches get better and better each year, so bring your wives and girlfriends for a great day out. But book now.

Bookings can be made with Admin Office on 9264 6111 or Email. administration@tattersallsclub.org

Melbourne Cup Calcutta

The evening of Monday November 4 is the date for the inaugural Tattersalls / Toohey's Melbourne Cup Calcutta.

"This new event will provide Members and their guests with a chance to take part in a major Calcutta prior to Australia's greatest race," said Secretary Manager Tim Bowring.

The evening will include a three course dinner and drinks, plus a preview of the card by experts and racing identities.

The night will also include the launch of a new range of Penfolds Wines, released on November 1.

"Members have been requesting a Calcutta for the Melbourne Cup, and much planning has been undertaken to ensure the success of this event," noted the Club's Secretary.

Bookings are essential through the Admin Office on 9264 6111.

CHRISTMAS GOODIES

This year, prior to Christmas, Tattersalls will be releasing a range of specially packaged gourmet foods. The recent release of marmalade has been very popular with Members. The range of christmas goodies will include baked hams, preserves and salad dressings and other Christmas treats.

A flyer/order form will be published in early December detailing the Tattersalls range.

MARKETING

Tattersalls have appointed the new group, Monitor Venue Management to undertake function marketing for the club. Partners in the firm are Robert Tunchon and Donna Kessler. Robert is well known for his association with the sporting and schools network in Sydney and nationally.

Donna has spent many years in marketing with two of Sydney's largest hotels.

"This firm brings an expertise in function marketing to the club," said Secretary Manager Tim Bowring. "MVM will be responsible for the marketing of all functions, with exception of member events."

Members who wish to hold a function at Tattersalls can contact Robert or Donna on Phone 9264 6111.



Enjoying Tattersall's Raceday at Royal Randwick



Raceday action



Donna Kessler & Robert Tunchon



Hold your Christmas Party at Tattersall's

The Christmas Party season is rapidly approaching. Have you considered holding your party this year at your club? With extensive function facilities and overlooking Hyde Park, the club is the preferred site for many leading companies.

Superb food cooked by Executive Chef Simon Flanders and his talented team ensure that yours will be a function to remember at Tattersalls. From a superb seafood buffet to a traditional banquet or cocktail party, the club will cater for all your needs. Enquiries can be made by telephoning Marketing on 9264 6111.



Left to right: Cardinal Rodriguez from the Honduras with Committee Member Mr Andrew Leary and Cardinal Idris Edward Cassidy

RECENT FUNCTIONS

A luncheon was held recently at the Club where three Cardinals of the Catholic Church were in attendance.

During a visit by His Eminence Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, Archbishop of the Honduras, a private function was conducted at Tattersalls that saw two Australian Cardinals catch up with their friend and colleague.

Cardinal Edward Clancy, recently retired Archbishop of Sydney and Cardinal Idris Edward Cassidy, recently retired Secretary of State for the Vatican, joined Cardinal Rodriguez and some business leaders from Sydney for a private lunch.

Tattersall's Classifieds

Car Space at Tattersall's

A rare and permanent car space under the Tattersalls building has just become available. Located on Level B2, this space is easily accessible.

Long term lease available.

Enquiries can be made with Secretary Manager on 9264 6111.

Chandeliers for your Palace.

Following the refurbishment of sections of the club, a range of used light fittings are available for purchase by Members.

Enquiries can be made to Secretary Manager on 9264 6111.



SAMPLE WINES

The first exclusive offer to members was very popular with a range of wines from several regions.

The Exclusive Offer for November is a selection of wines from Broke Estate in the Hunter. William Ryan is pleased to offer his excellent range to Tattersalls Members. The order form with brief tasting notes is included in the newsletter for this month. All orders are to be placed with the Administration Office Ph 9264 6111.

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TWO TATTS 2002 - ANOTHER CLEAN SWEEP!

From pool side reporter Andrew Torok

It is with enormous pleasure that I can report that for the second year in succession, Tattersalls has, effected a clean sweep of the events which are held annually against our old foes the "Cheetahs" (City Tattersalls).

No doubt you will agree that traditions in clubs such as Tattersalls are important and great traditions take time to establish themselves.

The history of this particular tradition began thanks to the foresight of one of Tattersalls greatest former members, Norm Rogers and the Cheetahs Captain Bob Lowe - two great club men.

1985 was the first annual challenge and in those days the relay consisted of 20 men per side, although on some occasions I believe this was reduced due to the availability of swimmers from both Clubs.

The first challenge was held in our wonderful pool at the old club. Later the event was divided and the first over 40's was swum in 1988 and subsequently the over 50's in 1993.

The statistics of this event are:-

Open - contested 18 times - Tattersall's Club 12 wins, City Tattersalls 6 wins.

Over 40's - contested 14 times - City Tattersall 8 wins, Tattersalls 6 wins

Over 50's - contested 9 times - City Tattersalls 6 wins, Tattersalls 3 wins

In examining the records it appears that while City Tattersalls had clean sweep of all three relays in 1996 and 1998,

Tattersalls was the first Club to have back-to-back clean sweeps of the events, first in 2001 and now in 2002.

It is also interesting to note the times and from the entry on the Open trophy for 1991, which was won by City Tatts, a time of 7:58 72 is recorded which indicates an average time per swimmer of 23.9 seconds. This event was held in the old Tattersalls pool which was 40 yards.

Another interesting statistic obtained from the Club's magazine indicates that in 1988 when Tattersalls won the Open event, the average time per man was 26.9 seconds over the 50 metres swum at S.F.F. pool. In the early years both Clubs used "ring ins" in their teams and this once-accepted practice has now been discontinued. The competitors must now be bona fide club members.

In this year's event held at City Tattersalls, the average time for the Open swimmers over 50 yards was 24.6 per man and the average time for the over 40's was 26.6. This year's time was extremely good when compared with previous years results and in particular the time engraved on the 1991 plaque.



Tattersalls victorious team and supporters celebrate

OPEN

M. Ward
P. Thiel
R. Jagger
J. Harvey
M. Gillis
N. Carrigan
S. Storry
O. Huxtable
K. Smart
A. Powter

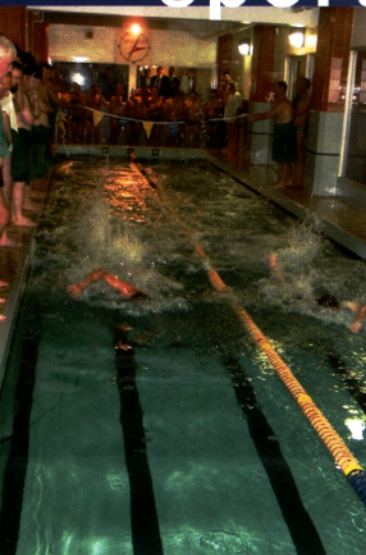
OVER 40'S

R. Farrell
M. McConnell
P. Madden
M. Gills
J. De Mestre
C. Gorman
J. Harvey
T. Anderson
J. Robson
R. Debney

OVER 50'S

R. Debney
P. Gibson
K. Glover
A. Brown
S. O'Halloran
J. Konrads
B. Fallshaw
J. Lloyd
G. Wilson
A. Moufarrige

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Competition in the confines of
City Tattersalls pool



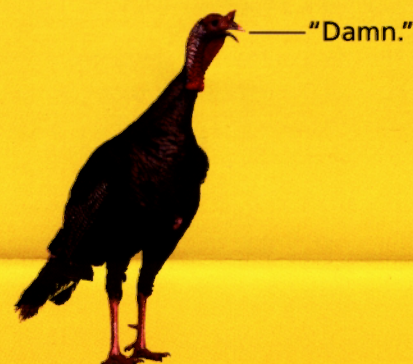
Russell Debney congratulated
after the competition

The efforts of Harry Turner in coaching and training most of the contestants has shown up in the results of the last two years. All associated with swimming in the Club are extremely grateful for Harry's input and as is well known, whilst he is having a tough time, his courage is awe inspiring,

The Two Tatts event has become a great tradition and will continue to be an important event in the Club's calendar. We hope that there are other members new and old who may be inspired by this brief history to become Involved in the event and in the Swimming Club generally.

All the swimmers are to be warmly congratulated on the wonderful effort, but let us not forget the extras who made themselves available in case the need arose and last but not least, the supporters who put up with the somewhat cramped conditions at City Tattersalls to urge the swimmers to their fine victories.

CHRISTMAS IS EARLY THIS YEAR



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Peter Twigg & John Pidcock with
Joe Minici

Snooker

We are rapidly progressing to the final stages of the Calcutta and it is fair to say that all the guns have gone and only potential champions remain! We are also progressing well with the other tournaments and are hopeful of completing them all prior to the end of November.

Last Thursday was the monthly Lightning Competition with Brian Holmes and Terry Lindfield coming out worthy winners. However the evening marked an even more important celebration, that being the retirement and relocation to Queensland of one of the great supporters of the club, Bob Jelfs. Bob has been a member for many years and

in 1998 won the Snooker Calcutta. Of more recent times Bob contributed to the smooth functioning of the snooker and billiards activities by participating on the Sub Committee. His enthusiasm and hard work will be missed, but Mike Bradstreet has agreed to fill the void. Thanks and well wishes to Bob for his forthcoming retirement were well toasted on the evening.

Finally, I would again urge all members to enjoy the facilities as much as possible and to keep your eye open for details of finals matches coming up.

Until next month

"Chalky"

Coronation of Athletic Department Kings

The 'King of the Gym' attracted a record number of entrants this year from virile young Members in their 20's through to wily veterans in their 60's.

The gruelling format completed against the clock tested all comers in boxing, cycling, weight lifting, rowing, running and swimming.

Division Winners

Open Division

Champion Peter Thiel 19min 50sec

Runner up Callum Macleod 20min 37sec

O/40's Division

Champion Wally Meakes 23min 37sec

Runner up Michael Rowland-Smith
25min 28sec

O/50's Division

Champion John Joris 25min 53sec

Runner up Bob Sanders 26min 34sec

O/60's Division

Champion John Greaves 33min 22sec

Runner up Michael Delaney 38min 53sec

King of the Gym Profiles

Open Champion

Name: Peter Thiel

Nickname: Steel

Occupation: Solicitor

Motto: 'Anything is possible'

Tattersalls Member Since: 1999

Athletic Dept Sessions Per Week: 8 - 12

Favourite Training Activity: Weights

Favourite Food: Steak

Favourite Drink: Red Wine

Favourite TV Show: Simpsons

Favourite Movie: Shawshank Redemption

Who would you most like to be stranded on a desert island with? A decent chef...

And Christy my wife of course.

O/40's Champion

Name: Wally Meakes

Occupation: Lawyer

Motto: 'Enjoy your family, work hard and train hard'

Tattersalls Member Since: 1980

Athletic Dept Sessions Per Week: 3

Favourite Training Activity: Combined weights and swimming session

Favourite Food: Japanese

Favourite Drink: Perrone

Favourite TV Show: Rugby on FOXTEL

Favourite Movie: Rocky

Who most like to be stranded on a desert island with? My wife Julie

O/50's Champion

Name: John Joris

Nickname: "The Energiser"

Occupation: Coloured Gemstone Wholesaler

Motto: "Go Hard or Go Home"

Tattersalls Member Since: 1995

Athletic Dept Sessions Per Week: 3 - 5

Favourite Training Activity: Running

Favourite Food: Anything Italian

Favourite Drink: Penfolds Red (Label? - Depending on finances)

Favourite TV Show: Australian Story

Favourite Movie: To Kill a Mockingbird

Who would you most like to be stranded on a desert island with? "My wife Robbie.

We've been married and worked together for 20 years. I think we would have a desert island well sorted by now."

O/60's Champion

Name: John Greaves

Nickname: 'Greavesy'

Occupation: Retired

Motto: 'Have a dig'

Tattersalls Member Since: 1976

Athletic Dept Sessions Per Week: 6

Favourite Training Activity: Swimming

Favourite Food: Steak



Peter Thiel



Wally Meakes



John Joris



John Greaves

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7.15am Class Member Photo

Left to Right: Peter "The Commish" Ryan, Graham "Snow" White, Ben "Hollywood" Phillips, Jock "The Enforcer" Murray, David "Robbo" Robinson, "Mighty" Michael McCormack, Rick "Flair" Glover, Michael "Kinky" King

Front: Julian "Big Jules" Hofer, "Irish" Mick Delaney

Absent: Michael "Beach Curl" Rowland-Smith, Paul "The Birdman" Bird, John "JT" Tierney, "Iron" Mike O'Dea, Paul "The Predator" Hunter and Peter "The Rock" Starr

athletic department

Favourite Drink: Water

Favourite TV Show: Frasier

Favourite Movie: Zulu

Who most like to be stranded on a desert island with? 'Someone who knows where a boat is hidden'.

King of the Gym 2002

Top 10

1. Peter Thiel - 19min 50sec Open Champion
2. Callum Macleod - 20min 37sec
3. John Shawyer - 23min 03sec
4. Anthony Chauvet - 23min 17sec
5. Wally Meakes - 23min 37sec O/40's Champion
6. David Huxtable - 24min 46sec
7. Andrew Coorey - 25min 28sec
7. Michael Rowland-Smith - 25min 28sec
9. Cameron Duncan - 25min 50sec
10. John Joris - 25min 53sec O/50's Champion

King of the Gym 2002 Big Improvers

Justin Clyne

1st Attempt 32min 54sec (5.8.02)

2nd Attempt 28min 49sec (9.8.02)

Improved by 4min 5sec

Peter Thiel

1st Attempt 21min 06sec (3.8.02)

2nd Attempt 19min 50sec (25.8.02)

Improved by 1min 16sec

Andrew Coorey

1st Attempt 26min 39sec (9.8.02)

2nd Attempt 25min 28sec (28.8.02)

Improved by 1min 11sec

Congratulations to all competitors in the King of the Gym 2002.

7.15am Circuit Class Profile

The morning peak is a popular training time for Athletic Department Members and a dedicated group of hardcore trainers have found a niche in the 7.15am timeslot.

The 7.15ers partake in the popular Strength - Conditioning - Skills or S-C-S classes which combine strength training, multi - skill circuits, cardiovascular fitness, boxing, self defence and team fitness games.

With varying ages ranging from men in their 20's to early 60's a strong camaraderie has built up amongst the 7.15am class. Members of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to become fully involved in the circuit classes as a way of making new friends, having fun and increasing general health.



BEN PHILLIPS

Athletic Department Manager for the past two years, Ben Phillips has tendered his resignation from Tattersalls. Ben has left to further his career in the fitness industry, managing a large new complex in the inner west.

Ben will be missed by all AD Members, and we wish him all the best with his new position.

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Tattersalls Members Star in Rugby Grand Finals

For a rugby player of any level September is the culmination of a gruelling pre-season and bruising in-season where Sundays and for older players Mondays are spent hobbling around with aches and the odd hangover.

Tattersalls Members love their rugby and the Club is fortunate to have a number of men who played or coached with two of the strongest Clubs in the Division 1 Sydney Suburban Districts grand finals.

Old Ignatians and Colleagues contested a total of ten grand finals between them in the culmination of a season long rivalry.

To reward their consistent form through the season Old Ignatians won the Club Championship and was awarded the NSW Suburban Rugby Club of the year award.

On Grand Final day Old Ignatians took out the Kentwell Cup 1st Grade title 23-14 with a tough victory over the Drummoyne "Dirty Reds".

Tattersalls Member and "Super coach" Tony Martin masterminded a Burke Cup 2nd Grade victory for Colleagues over an Old Ignatians side that included Tim Noonan 25-7.

Whiddon Cup 3rd victory went to St Ignatians 15-3 over a Sam Reynolds coached Colleagues.

Toby Tancred Captain/Coached Old Ignatians to Judd Cup 4th Grade honours as his charges ran out 24-0 over coach Jon Purbrick's Colleagues side that included Tattersalls Members James Campbell and Lachlan Benson.

Colleagues Sutherland Cup 5th Grade

with Tony Martin, Will Foster, Ben Garland, Andrew Sinclair and Greg Quinn held out a determined Old Ignatians side containing Tony Anderson and Angus McKay in a hard fought match 3-0.

The Halligan Cup 6th Grade trophy named after Tattersalls Member Brett Halligan went to Colleagues in a first past the post competition held earlier in the year and Andrew Bowring's Old Ignatians side went down 21 - 7 to Mosman in the 1st Grade Colts.



Club Championship Shield won by Old Ignatians

How to wear a suit...

...without a necktie

You've been seeing a lot in the world's media of late. Chaps at presidential level looking breezy but up-market in the executive suit and shirt, but with no necktie.

How is it done?

Note the shirt collar. It's slightly taller (two - buttons high) and more moderately cutaway. Dressy still, but it makes a confident, easy statement on a Saturday morning.

First examples among Vince M's shirt imports opened this week. As with any style move, it's better to be early than to tag on at the end.



Vince Maloney On-The-Park
Next door to Tattersall's ph. 9264 8837



club dining

"taste,"



BRASSERIE MENU

ENTREES

- SYDNEY ROCK OYSTERS
with Chardonnay granita
- SALAD OF ASPARAGUS
baby beets & kevella goats cheese
- WARM SALAD OF BEEF
with noodles mint & basil
- SALAD OF KING PRAWNS
tomato avocado & pickled cucumber with
a lime dressing
- TATTERSALLS BEECH SMOKED SALMON
with herbs capers & red onion
- SALT & PEPPER PRAWNS
with a chilli dip

PASTA and RICE

- SAFFRON RISSOTO MARINARA
with pesto
- LINGUINI OF SCAMPI
with ginger & tomato sauce

MAINS

- STEAMED FILLET OF SALMON
with a salad of pesto potatoes
- CORNFED CHICKEN
with persiade mash & chanelles
- PANFRIED SNAPPER
with eggplant, capsicum confit & anchovies
- ROAST LOIN OF LAMB
with sauteed spring vegetables, speck &
minted hollandaise
- TATTERSALLS BEEF, MUSHROOM AND RED
WINE PIE

- STOCK YARD** With your choice of
- 200g Tenderloin Pepper, Bearnaise or
300g Sirloin Red Wine Sauce
300g Scotch Fillet Mashed Potato, French
Fries or Gratin Potatoes

DARLING DOWNS

- 300g Wagyu Kobi Rump

SIDES

- French Fries
Rocket, tomato & Parmesan salad
Mash
Steamed vegetables with lemon & olive oil

NEW MEMBERS

The following have been proposed for Membership

NAME	OCCUPATION	PROPOSER	SECONDER
ALLISON Mark Charles	Managing Director	J Lloyd	S Forsyth
ANDREWS David Ronald	Company Director	B Gould	J Anderson
BEVAN Simon Christopher	Student	C Bevan	E Patakas
HARRIS Peter Adrian	Stockbroker	S Paradice	M Buys
MANN James Jeffrey	Stockbroker	A MacKay	J Starr

DECEASED MEMBERS

John Walter Douglass passed away 17 August 2002 aged 97, admitted as a member of Tattersalls in 1939.

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We talk to John Mohin

Beatles cousin · Trophy maker to the stars ·

Generous contributor to tattersalls

Where were you brought up?

I was brought up in Liverpool in England. My formative years were coloured by the rise of the Beatles and I had firsthand experience as Paul McCartney is a first cousin. The Beatles music is very close to me in several respects. For example, when you hear the song 'Let It Be' and the line, "when mother Mary comes to me", that is my Aunt Mary, my Dad's sister.

What brought you to Australia?

I came to Australia as the Managing Director of Waterford Wedgwood. Waterford Wedgwood is an established market leader specialising in the manufacture and distribution of prestige china and crystal.

How did you start in this business?

Extraordinary to admit it now but I first became interested in fine things and in particular Wedgwood when I was 11. When I finished business school I finally got to join the company and I always enjoyed the alliance of art and commerce.

What are your interests in sport?

I love all sports but in particular, try to follow rugby, tennis and golf. I must admit that my interest is coloured by a commercial dimension which is that I am looking to see which sports I can sponsor with trophies made by Waterford Crystal or Wedgwood. In a country like Australia where sport almost replaces religion, it is no coincidence that Waterford Crystal has become a symbol of success and victory in sport.

Who introduced you to Tattersalls Club?

I will always be grateful to David Milman who didn't really know me that well when I arrived in Australia but thought I would fit in with Tattersalls. Having access to Tattersalls Club has proved a crucial factor to me in enjoying Sydney so much.

How do you use the Club?

I make every effort to try and get to the Athletic Department two or three times a week, often just after it opens at 5.30 am. I enjoy the atmosphere of the Club, the Black Tie Boxing nights and enjoy coming to the Bar, of course!

Are there any changes that you would like to see in the Club?

A club like Tattersalls only exists because of the calibre of its membership. I often

think there is a massive resource available to the Club simply by virtue of the pride in being a member. This opens up the most remarkable opportunities to cater for that pride with various items that might feature the Club crest. For example, I notice how the prestigious clubs of London encourage their members to wear a tie or lapel pin at every opportunity to both advertise their club and to subtly advocate membership. I think about this as a particular opportunity for Tattersalls.

What is the greatest thing that has happened to you in recent times?

I watched in wondrous awe as Sydney staged the Olympic Games. I thought the way in which we as a city and indeed as a country appeared to effortlessly accommodate so many people and such a wealth of activity with no incident was a truly remarkable event to be part of. For me, this was also the greatest marketing opportunity in the southern hemisphere and I was able to take full advantage on behalf of my company.

"Is it true that your career is about to take you back to Europe?"

Yes, I have been appointed a director of the company and will be based at Wedgwood Headquarters in England. I have been asked to assume responsibility for an exciting international portfolio of corporate affairs, including for example our highly successful sporting trophy business worldwide and that challenge is largely based upon the success we've had here. I'm therefore expected to recreate the Australian success on an international scale. Whilst I'm naturally sorry to be leaving Australia, I have been invited to keep my place on the board of Waterford Wedgwood Australia and would expect to return here on a regular basis both in my new capacity and to maintain an ongoing interest in our local affairs. I'm therefore hoping that for all kinds of reasons, I will be permitted to retain my membership and valued association with Tattersalls Club in Sydney.

What is the secret of your success in business?

Tony O'Reilly told me that the secret of success in business is to "look Irish, dress British and think Yiddish".

